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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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November 29, 2010

Mr. Danny Dumey
Heartland Materials, L.L.C.
P.O. Box 558
Benton, Missouri 63736

Dear Mr. Dumey:

Due to public notification requirements concerning the new permit application for Heartland Quarry in Cape Girardeau County, I received several letters requesting that a public meeting be held. I am aware that you are able to view these letters on the Missouri Department of Natural Resources website. If we receive additional letters we will post them to the website. The "Land Reclamation Act" at 444.773.3, RSMo, reads in part,

"...If a public meeting is requested pursuant to this chapter and the applicant agrees, the director shall, within thirty days after the time for such request has passed, order that a public meeting be held..."

A public meeting usually involves all concerned parties sitting down in a round table type of discussion in an attempt to resolve issues expressed by concerned citizens. After the meeting, a recommendation is issued. The recommendation states whether or not the new permit application should be issued. There is also an attachment of the issues discussed at the public meeting. The choice of electing to hold a public meeting or to respectfully decline to hold a public meeting is for the company to decide.

We have an obligation to respond to the people requesting the public meeting. Does Heartland Materials, L.L.C., agree to hold the requested public meeting? If Heartland Materials, L.L.C. elects to entertain a public meeting, most likely the meeting would be scheduled in mid-December. Your prompt reply to this request will enable staff to prepare for the public meeting at the soonest possible opportunity. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (573) 751-4041.

Sincerely,

LAND RECLAMATION COMMISSION

Mike Larsen, R.G. *Original signed by Mike Larsen, R.G.*
Staff Director

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c: Mikel C. Carlson, R.G., Gredell Engineering Resources

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MESSAGE: RE: Comments on request for public Meeting

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Department of Natural Resources
ATTENTION: Mike Larsen, R. G.
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

Dear Mr. Larsen:

We at Heartland Materials, LLC are in receipt of your letter dated November 29, 2010 pertaining to hosting a public meeting. We respectfully decline the notion of a public meeting. We feel that opening ourselves to the mass public would not produce any desirable outcome.

Heartland Materials understands the sensitivity and concerns being generated by our request for a permit. We have and will continue to expend considerable time and energy meeting individually to alleviate concerns in a more productive setting. I have personally reviewed letters of public comment and will continue to do so.

We at Heartland Materials are committed to being responsible in our planning and will address the concerns of our neighbors as we move forward.

Sincerely,

HEARTLAND MATERIALS, LLC



Danny Dumey, Jr.